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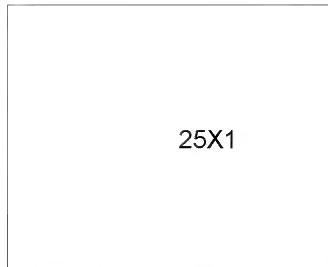
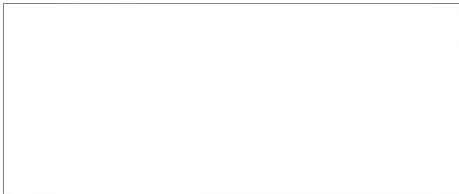
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1. There are two airplane factories. One is at Rakovica in Serbia and the other at Ikaris in Vojvodina. Approximately 9,000 skilled German workers (probably some even from the east zone) are now working in Yugoslavia. Many of these are probably involved in airplane production. The skilled workers are in the process of training the nonskilled Yugoslavs.
2. Yugoslavia first produced a jet plane about six months ago. The first flight was made by test pilot Prebeg, a Yugoslav, about August 1953. It is reported that the plane is a further development of the German style jet plane known as the Volksjaeger, or German hunter type. It is small and short. The plane has a speed of 900 km per hour. The production was slow in the beginning, but it is on the increase and plans are for continuous production. The quality of the planes is said to be mediocre, but with the effort to train Yugoslav skilled labor by German skilled workers, the quality will probably improve.

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